LXXVII.

A True and faithful Copy of a real

LETTER,

Written by a Friend in

UTRECHT,

To a Friend in

LONDON.

Giving an Account of some remarkable Passages, relating to his Grace *JAMES*, Duke of *MONMOUTH*.

SIR,

YOurs bearing date the 2d. Instant, came safe to my hands, whereby you were pleased to desire me to give you a particular Account of the Reception of his Grace, James, Duke of Monmouth, together with a particular Relation of such other Accidents as might occasionally happen since his Arrival. You know at all times you have Requests with me have the power of Commands, and in compliance to the same, I shall with all possible care and sincerity, give you both an ample and real account of all such passages as I dare

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dare affirm to be true, which though but few yet I hope may satisfie your curiosity at present, until such times as any Observations permit me to inform you more particularly.

On the tenth instant, the Duke arrived at the *Hague*, where he took up his residence at the English Agents House, being resolved with withall expedition to come hither, the next day he dined with the Prince and Princess of *Orange*; and so with what expedition he could came hither, and resided at the house of one of our principal Burghers, until such time his own house could be decently fitted up beautified and repaired, being at *Rhenen* in this Province not far distant from this place; he was transported in one of his Majesties Yachts, with a Train of about twenty persons, which he hath now increased to about thirty: this house Prince *Rupert* was pleased to accommodate him withal he hath bestowed, no such cost in beautifing the same, but what may rather suit with the Quality of a Banished peer, then a Prince of his extraction, this day being the 10 instant (having before took a progress into the Countrey of *North-Holland*) he entred his said house the next day, being complemented by the Magistrates, and other persons of quality here resident, with this assurance, that he should not only be as safe, but as welcome to them as if he were at home, and to speak the truth

truth, ſuch hath been his Noble deportment, ſince his arrival, that he hath obtained the hearts of all, as well Gentry, as Commonalty, before his ſettelment, in his preſent place of aboad, he was much indiſpoſ'd in his health, occaſioned as ſome conceive by a great cold, by what I can inform my ſelf, from ſome of the moſt eminent of his retinue, it was no other then a real Quotidian Ague, though (thanks be to God) we hope it has wholly left him, he having not been lately troubled with the ſame. I have had the Honour to kiſs his hand ſince his Arrival, and although I dare not preſume to ſay I have been Converſant with him, yet by what I have both heard and been a Spectator of (not only I, but many others beſides my ſelf, eſteem him to be one of the moſt accompliſhed Peers in Chriſtendome. You would admire to ſee how not only our Gentry, but Commonalty reſpect and honour him: with a ſorrow compounded of Love and pitty; had he been their own Native Prince, and ſpent his Heart Blood in their Defence, on my Conſcience, they could not ſet a greater Vallue or eſteem upon him than they have done, and ſtill do. Sir, in a word, I need ſay no more in his Commendation than only this, I am confident he cannot be more honoured, or better beloved at home, than he is here; ſuch is his noble obliging Carriage, who neither carries himſelf

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Lofty nor low, but with such a becoming Grace, that Commands the very Affections of all.

In my next I shall inform you of some other considerable passages, which at present I am forced to wave, until I am more fully satisfied of their Truth, what I have now written is a reallity in all circumstances, which to confirm your Belief, shall be attested under the hand of

SIR,

Your humble Servant,

B. L.

UTRECHT,
Octob. 19. 1679.